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79 Elm St.
Hartford, CT 06106

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Dear Mr. Stacey

I would like to add my support for the new stream flow regulations as written by the DEP. I believe it's been a longtime in coming that water flows have the same rights of regulations that wetlands have.

I served as a member of the Hebron Inland Wetlands Commission for fifteen years and as its Chairman for eight. I have seen first hand what it's like when watercourses are impacted by drawdown from increased usage and how detrimental it is on finfish populations. I only wish we had a reg such as this to help with our management of our waterways and what an improvement it would have been.

I also strongly urge you to drop or change the Class 4 category that gives no protection at all to these rivers. There is no such thing as a dead river but if left to dry up what will be the chances of revitalizing it in the future. This category shpuld be changed to included water flows just like the other three classes.

Thank you again for your leadership on this issue. The people of CT deserve adequate water quantity to drink swim and fish in. This proposal will go a long way to accomplish that.

Sincerely,
John Blake